

Hi Everyone,

I will be on vacation July 9-27 and Becky Carrillo will be acting Family Nutrition/WIC Program Director. Becky's contact information is: Rebecca.Carrillo@alaska.gov or 465-8629.

Take care,
Kathleen

1. Jennifer's phone number---Jennifer Johnson, our new state WIC Nutritionist, phone number is 465-8104.
2. SPIRIT Update: Next week we begin the User Acceptance Testing (UAT) of the WIC SPIRIT system. This is a full function test of SPIRIT with Alaska's configurations. The testing will occur during two 3-week sessions: July 9-27 and August 6-24 in Anchorage. We will do a remote site test of the system's performance on July 17 and 18 in Dillingham. This testing of the system is designed to determine whether the system is set up and performing in accordance with the State of Alaska's requirements.

There has been a bit of confusion between UAT and the Super User training coming up in the fall. UAT is a full function testing of the WIC SPIRIT system with Alaska's configurations. Some clinic staff are volunteering their time come to the test site and run these very detailed, step by step scripts.

The purpose of Super User (or Train the Trainer) training is to build peer training and technical assistance capacity for SPIRIT within the Alaska WIC Program. Individuals who attend this training will serve as a resource for their own and other clinics during and after SPIRIT rollout - to assist with training new employees, answering questions about how to use SPIRIT to deliver WIC services, and advising users on known problems in SPIRIT and how to handle them. Seating capacity at the training site will limit the number of individuals who can attend this training. Local Agency coordinators will soon be contacted to nominate attendees for Super User training.

In addition to Super User training, a week-long training session for every clinic staff member on all SPIRIT functionality that will be used in the clinics will take place in Anchorage before SPIRIT is implemented in their clinic. Each clinic will be closed for one week while the staff attends this training (and while the clinic's data is converted to SPIRIT). This training will take place early in 2013 during the phased rollout of SPIRIT. LA's will receive a separate grant to cover the expenses of travel to these training sessions.

3. New Infant Formula Contract—Starting October 1, 2012, we will have a new infant formula contract only for soy based products. Abbott Nutrition was awarded the contract for all physical forms of the Milk-based infant formula and Mead Johnson & Company, LLC was awarded the contract for all physical forms of Soy-based infant

formula. The WIC staff are working on client, vendor and pediatrician flyers to inform our program partners about this change. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Johnson at 465-8104.

4. Year End Purchases—the state has purchased a variety of items for local agencies with state year-end funds. Amy George has been notifying LAs about these purchases through emails. If you have questions about these purchases, please contact Amy George at 465-3100 or Amy.George@alaska.gov
5. Last call on WBW statements!--Get your clinic's statements in for our radio World Breastfeeding Week PSAs.
Have participants, BFPC and staff answer the question: "Successful breastfeeding requires support. How has someone supported you?"
Send your client/bfpc/staff thoughts to Dana Kent @ dana.kent@alaska.gov.
Thanks for your input!

Nice to Know

From: The WIC-Talk email discussion group [<mailto:WIC-Talk@nal.usda.gov>] **On Behalf Of** Gallagher, Jennifer L

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To: WIC-Talk@NAL.USDA.GOV

Subject: [WIC-TALK] Pediatric Nutrition Course Online Offering

The Nutrition Services Branch of North Carolina in collaboration with University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill is pleased to announce that Module 3: Nutrition for Specific Disease Conditions, of the Pediatric Nutrition Course (PNC) will be offered in 2012. This is an online, faculty guided, self-paced module of 11 units that may be completed in whole or by the unit between July 16, 2012 and September 21, 2012. The overall goal of the course is to provide nutritionists with the knowledge and skills needed to improve the nutritional health of the pediatric population with chronic conditions. The objectives of Module 3 are to assimilate your current knowledge in pediatric nutrition with advanced nutrition principles in disease management and nutrition therapy that guide you through the nutrition care process in nutrition assessment, intervention, monitoring and evaluation based on the needs of individual clients and their families.

It is ideal for new or seasoned employees in public health nutrition, who already have a good working knowledge of pediatric nutrition and want to broaden their knowledge in advanced practice pediatric nutrition.

Module 3: Nutrition for Specific Disease Conditions consists of the following eleven topics:

- Unit 1: Inadequate Growth and Failure to Thrive
- Unit 2: Childhood Chronic Respiratory Conditions
- Unit 3: Disordered Eating in Adolescents
- Unit 4: Child and Adolescent Obesity
- Unit 5: Congenital Heart Disease
- Unit 6: Common GI Problems
- Unit 7: Food Allergies
- Unit 8: Type 1 Diabetes
- Unit 9: Type 2 Diabetes
- Unit 10: Children with Special Needs
- Unit 11: Dyslipidemia

Continuing education credits have been applied for to the Commission on Dietetic Registration – American Dietetic Association for 2 CPEUs per unit - Level 2. Continuing education units will also be awarded from the Friday Center for Continuing Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Fees

The course fee is \$25.00 per unit for public health nutrition personnel in North Carolina Local Health Agencies and for pediatric nutritionists in North Carolina Child Development Service Agencies and \$50.00 per unit for all others.

An orientation conference call/webinar will be scheduled with registered students prior to the first week of the course to provide an overview and demonstration of the online module. Enrollment is limited, so please complete your application early.

To apply, go to

http://www.sph.unc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=22652&Itemid=13708

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